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NEWS RELEASE

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Wachovia Order Entered

Brokerage firm engaged in conflicts of interest when it published research reports. . .

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – A Consent Order was entered today against Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC of Charlotte, North Carolina. A national announcement was made on July 5, 2006 about the settlement. The actual order was entered today, after it was approved by members of the Securities Advisory Board.

Under the Order:

- Wachovia Capital Markets will cease and desist from practices constituting inadequate supervision of its research practices;
- Wachovia will pay the state a civil penalty of \$200,000 relating to the research practices;
- A civil penalty of \$16,500 will be paid for failing to preserve its books and records;
- Wachovia will contribute \$30,000 to the state to fund investor education efforts.

For more information about this case and the national settlement, please refer to the news release by the Division on July 5, 2006.